

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
October 23, 2003  
150 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Conference Room A**

**Members Present:**

Michel Sucher (Chairman)  
Rich Thacher  
Stewart Hamilton  
Bill Ashland  
Stuart Alt  
Sheri Farr Jorden

Ingrid Bachtel  
John Porter  
Mark Venuti  
David Bank  
Michael J. Seby  
Steve Thompson

**Members Absent:**

Charles Frank Allen  
Nancy Shaver  
Jim Morgan  
Scott Petersen  
Dan Judkins

**BEMS Staff Present:**

Susan Nicolas  
Donna Meyer  
Robin Jarvis  
Suzy Baulch  
Ellie Strang  
Dona Markley

**Guests Present:**

Roberto Torres  
Roy Ryals  
Marcia Barry  
Stephen Powles  
Jane Burney  
Jeff Farkas

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The chairman, Michel Sucher, called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

**II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Stewart Hamilton seconded by David Bank to approve the agenda for October 23, 2003 and the minutes of June 19, 2003 with one correction. On page 2 Item VD Safe Kids should read SAFE KIDS. **Motion carried.**

**III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

- Rose Conner, Assistant Director, Arizona Department of Health Services, addressed the Board regarding legislative and budget issues.

A question was raised whether or not STAB as a group needs to make a presentation to assure that the legislation and designation is passed. After the language is approved by the Governor's Office then STAB will meet for efficacy.

**IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. Membership Update** – Michel Sucher gave the Chairman's Report. The Bureau is having an EMS Futures Forum on December 5, 2003. The Forum will be held at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel located at 2620 West Dunlap Avenue. Michel Sucher reported the parties that are on the invitation list for the Forum. The Board recommended inviting the Health Committee of the Legislature and also Susan Gerard.

- B. Bureau Staff Introductions and Organization Changes** – Judi Crume handed out a new organizational chart. The Bureau has now formed three service lines. EMS Policy and Practice, Ambulance and Regional Services and Trauma and Injury Prevention. She introduced Robin Jarvis and Tim Singleton, two new employees of the Bureau.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. STAB Executive Committee** – The STAB Executive Committee met on September 18, 2003. The STAB Retreat will be held at the Bureau on November 14, 2003. The next meeting of the STAB Executive Committee is October 28, 2003. It will be held at St. Joseph's Hospital.

- 1) STAB Retreat Report Planning** – Some of the topics the Committee discussed:

- Legislative Authority
- Overview of the EMS and Trauma Plan
- Timelines
- Implementation
- Designation of Trauma Centers
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Public Awareness and Support
- Quality Improvement Process
- Define the Role of STAB with the implementation of the EMS and Trauma Plan

- B. AZTQ Committee** – The new direction, membership, and the meeting schedule for 2004 will be determined at the STAB Retreat on November 14, 2003.

**Item:** AZTQ Committee  
**Follow Up:** STAB Retreat  
**When:** November 14, 2003  
**Who:** Suzy Baulch

- C. Trauma Registry Users Group (TRUG)** – The last meeting of TUG was held on September 11, 2003. We have seven trauma centers participating. Also three non-trauma centers will be participating. The group is negotiating a contract with our vendor to buy at least five extra licenses per year to continue to add on the non-trauma centers. The goal is to have a more inclusive system. White River, Yuma Regional, and Prescott have also asked to be a part of our system.

**VI. RULES STATUS REPORT:**

- A. Chapter 25 Revision and Rules Transition** – The Department has submitted the Final Proposed EMS Rules to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) for approval. The EMS Rules are scheduled for GRRC consideration at the GRRC public meeting that will be held on November 4, 2003. If the rules are approved there is a 60-day waiting period to transition.

Dona Markley handed out the information on this public meeting that is listed on our website under "What's New". She thanked the people that participated in the rulemaking process.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Trauma System Update** – We are working to get the correct language for the enabling legislation to go forward for trauma designation.

Vicki Conditt and David Bank have been active in working on the Pediatric Education Program (PEPP) out to the rural areas for Basic EMTs. Five courses have been taught and there will be four more courses coming.

- B. Injury Prevention Plan** – The Injury Prevention Advisory Council will meet in December. They will be the liaison for the community. The two major injuries in this state that are way above the national average that need to be looked at are motor vehicle accidents and falls in older adults. The Native American rate is four times as much as the Arizona rate for motor vehicle accidents. We have been working with the Intertribal Council of Arizona on traffic safety issues.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. STAB's Planning for November 14, 2003** –Suzy Baulch handed out reading material in preparation for the upcoming trauma planning retreat. The packet included:
- Arizona Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Plan
  - Making of a Trauma System
  - A 2002 National Assessment of State Trauma System Development, EMS Resources, and Disaster Readiness for Mass Casualty Events
  - Trauma System Agenda for the Future

Suzy Baulch recommended having breakout sessions at the retreat. She presented a powerpoint presentation identifying some of the key objectives for the STAB Retreat. The tagline is “Making Arizona Better Together”.

The Committee recommended that if you have any items you want on the agenda for the STAB Retreat please send to someone on the STAB Executive Committee.

- B. 2004 Meeting Schedule**

A motion was made by Stuart Alt seconded by Stewart Hamilton to approve the 2004 Schedule (January, April, September, and November). The September date for STAB (September 23, 2004) was not approved due to possible conflicts in John Porter's schedule. The AZQT Committee (September 9<sup>th</sup> or September 16<sup>th</sup>) and the PMD Committee still needs to be confirmed. John Porter needs to check his schedule on these dates. **Motion carried.**

The Education Committee's date will be determined by the date determined for the AZQT Committee (September 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>). The Education Committee meets the day after AZTQ and PMD.

**Item:** September Meeting Dates for STAB and AZQT  
**Follow Up:** STAB Meeting  
**When:** January 22, 2004  
**Who:** John Porter

**C. Elect One Member for STAB Executive Committee**

A motion was made by Stuart Alt seconded by John Porter to elect Bill Ashland as the additional member to the STAB Executive Committee. **Motion carried.**

Bill Ashland will collaborate with Mark Venuti as a member of the STAB Executive Committee.

**IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- DPS hired a consultant that is working through the Public Safety Communications Committee (PSCC)
  - There is no hospital representative at the meetings
- Copies of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Administration Rules and the Staff Directory were available at the meeting.

**X. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The SATNET Conference was held in October and 650 people attended
- Scottsdale Healthcare will be having a trauma conference
- National Association of Emergency Medical Services Physicians (NAEMSP) will be in Tucson from January 8 –10th
- American College of Surgeons (ACS) will be having their spring meeting in Tucson

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

The STAB Retreat will be held on November 14, 2003. The next regular STAB meeting will be on January 22, 2004.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved by STAB 1/22/04